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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. These grounds for rejection are overcome by the amendments to claims 1-12. In view of these amendments, claims 1-12 are no longer subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 5 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of Sprague et al. This ground for rejection is overcome by the amendments to claims 1, 5 and 9. In particular, Sprague et al do not disclose or suggest, "breaking down the information contained in the database into units, each comprising a predetermined number of symbols" as set forth in claims 1, 5 and 9 or "formatting each unit of the retrieved information on a single sheet of paper in the form of a four-page booklet," as required by amended claim 1, "the software printout means being configured to print each unit of the information selected by the user as a memo in the form of a four-page booklet on a single sheet of paper," as required by amended claim 5 or "software printing means being configured to control the printer to print the selected units of information as respective four-page booklets on respective rectangular sheets of paper," as required by amended claim 9.

Sprague et al. concerns an information distribution system that stores content as encrypted information packages (IPs) and broadcasts these IPs to users who then filter the received IPs according to a search criteria and store any IPs that satisfy their search criteria. The IPs are described as entire articles or pictures in the database. Each article is coded with a payment amount to view the article. Also, the articles in the database are not broken down into units each unit comprising a predetermined number of symbols. Instead, in Sprague et al, each IP may have a different length. (See col. 4, lines 23-31). Furthermore, Sprague et al. do not disclose or suggest printing the each unit as a four page booklet on a single sheet. Indeed, Sprague et al. teach away from this. If Sprague taught that all of the articles were the same length and could be printed on a single sheet, there would be no need to charge different amounts of money for the articles. As described in the cited passage, one of the variables Sprague et al. use to determine how much to charge for the IP is the length of the IP.

Because Sprague et al. does not disclose or suggest these limitations of claims 1, 5 and 9, these claims are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Sprague et al.

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Applicants appreciate the indication in the Office Action that claims 2-4, 6-8 and 10-12 would be allowed if rewritten to be independent and to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Because the claims have been rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and because, as set forth above, claims 1, 5 and 9 are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Sprague et al., these claims are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 5 and 9 and the objections to claims 2-4, 6-8 and 10-12.

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